THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bonus for Employees of Organised Sector

2352. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether because the present upper ceiling on the payment of statutory bonus, more than 80% of the employees of the organised sector have been deprived of bonus last year;

(b) if not, exact number of employees who have been deprived of any bonus payment; and

(c) steps taken by Government to remove the upper ceilings for the payment of bonus to all the employees in view of the the repeated demand of Central Trade Unions on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) While because of increase in wages, some employees may have become ineligible to get the bonus, no specific information regarding number of employees who would have become ineligible is centrally maintained because the coverage under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is very vast and the Act. is mainly administered by the State Governments. Government is seized of the demand made by the Central Trade Union Organisation for removal of the upper ceiling for the purpose of payment of bonus.

Cases of Child Labour

2353. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed for violation of Child Labour Act, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any lacuna in the Act; and

(c) what steps Government want to take to strengthen the Act to protect the interest of the Child Laboures?